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MAYOR EMANUEL APPOINTS DANIELLE DUMERER AS COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today introduced his appointment of Danielle DuMerer as Commissioner of the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT) to City Council. DuMerer brings 10 years of City technology experience to the role. She replaces Brenna Berman, who recently left the City to pursue other professional endeavors.

"Brenna's contributions moved the City forward and established Chicago as a leading Smart City," Mayor Emanuel said. "I am confident that Danielle will continue Chicago's leadership in government technology while improving the lives of residents."

Most recently DuMerer was the City's Chief Technology Officer, leading efforts to leverage data and technology to make government more effective, efficient, and innovative. She directed many of the City's digital transformation initiatives, established the City's internationally-recognized open data program, and led digital inclusion efforts to expand access to technology resources and digital skills training.

"I am grateful to Mayor Emanuel for this opportunity to lead the Department," DuMerer said. "I look forward to continuing our efforts to improve how City services are delivered and to foster a more innovative, accessible, and responsive government for all Chicagoans."

DuMerer holds a Master of Library Science from the University of Maryland, College Park and a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature and Rhetoric from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. She lives in Irving Park with her husband and daughter.

DuMerer has served as Commissioner in an interim capacity since April 1.

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